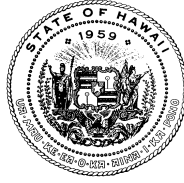


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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0743
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN WYATT, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: May 13, 2020
9:30 am

Room Number: 229

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, is in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Kathleen Wyatt, LNHA, MBA, MSN,
- 3 RN to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 4 **Comments:** Ms. Kathleen Wyatt is an experienced leader specializing in working with older
- 5 adults and their caregivers, patient satisfaction, core measures, and survey readiness.
- 6 Ms. Wyatt has a Masters in Business Administration, Masters of Science in Nursing, and a
- 7 Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She serves as the President of Hale Hau`oli Hawai`i, a non-
- 8 profit organization that she developed to promote positive aging through community education,
- 9 resources and referrals, and adult day care.
- 10 Her numerous volunteer activities include being active on the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological
- 11 Society Board, Caregiver Foundation Board, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, Kokua
- 12 Council, Adult Day Centers Hawaii, Kokua Mau Hospice Palliative Care, West Oahu

1 Community Coalition, Honolulu Community Coalition, and American College of Healthcare
2 Executives.
3 For these reasons, EOA supports the confirmation of Ms. Kathleen Wyatt. Thank you for the
4 opportunity to testify.



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Senator Roz Baker
Hawaii State Senate
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Aloha:


This letter is in support of Ms. Kathy Wyatt to be confirmed as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Ms. Wyatt has earned the respect and admiration of the Senior service providers throughout the State of Hawaii. Her adult day program, Hale Hau'oli, stands as a model in serving our Kupuna. Ms. Wyatt coordinates community educational events, bringing together experts from the community to help caregivers and kupuna increase their knowledge and ability to provide quality care and address the many critical aspects of aging.

Having Ms. Wyatt on your Advisory Board will enhance your ability to obtain timely, accurate and professionally referenced data and observations that you need in order to enact policies that affect Hawai'i's elders.

I have complete confidence in Ms. Wyatt's abilities to serve on your Board and encourage you to confirm her nomination for service on that Board.

Mahalo


Gary A. Powell
Executive Director
The Caregiver Foundation



May 7, 2020

SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER

Hawaii State Capitol
Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Regarding: Kathleen Wyatt, Nominee for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

Dear Senator Baker:

I have known Kathleen (Kathy) since June of 2017 when we were two of 300 attendees to the City and County of Honolulu Senior Summit at the Blaisdell Center.

Since then, we have served simultaneously on PABEA and as officers of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC).

She currently owns and is the administrator of Hale Hau'oli Adult Day Care.

I have found her counsel on PABEA and with HFCC to be judicious, patient, practical, and prudent.

We are quite fortunate to have her on PABEA and with HFCC.

On behalf of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, I strongly encourage you and your committee to support her nomination to a second term on PABEA.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Simon".

Gary Simon
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- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
I have been serving on the Board for the past year, having completed a term for someone that left. I feel that I have been a contributing member, as well as the Chair for the RAC committee. I enjoy being a part of a group who is advocating for our Kupuna and working with the legislature to promote legislation that will benefit that population.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? My role and responsibilities as a member of the Board is to actively participate at monthly meetings by providing expert opinion is matters of kupuna, contribute to discussion regarding important legislative bills being supported by PABEA, support the decisions made by the entire board.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? I can help protect the consumer by advocating for them through supporting legislation that affects the elderly and supporting the Board's decisions on what legislation is most important and feasible.
- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board. As an advocate of the elderly, I sit on several boards that actively work for the good of the elderly: The Caregiver Foundation, The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, Kokua Council, The Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society. I am active in Kupuna Caucus. I have worked with the elderly for over 20 years as a Nursing Director and Administrator in Skilled Nursing Facilities, and now as the Founder and President of Hale Hau`oli Hawai`i, and adult day care center which also provides community education and caregiver support. I am active in the community by offering presentations to senior groups, workshops on Dementia for caregivers, and sponsor a caregiver support group.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? I hope to offer educated suggestions on important matters that should be brought to the attention of the EOA and the legislators. By being a strong advocate for the elderly, and having much experience working with them, I feel that I can offer a strong insight on what are important issues that need to be addressed.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. I passionately advocate for seniors, I am dedicated to helping the Board make decisions on issues that they support for the elderly, and I comply with my obligation to attend all Board meetings.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. I have been a Board member for the past year, fulfilling an opening brought on by a Board member that could not complete her term. I have been active on the Board and committees of PABEA.
- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest? I do not foresee any situation that I could be in that would be a conflict of interest while I serve on the Board.